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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. TO FACILITATE PRESS PLANNING FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HERE
FOLLOWS BREAKDOWN OF AVAILABILITY AND POSSIBLE USE SATELLITE
CIRCUITS FROM MONROVIA, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

2. LIBERIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP (LTC) HAS TWELVE SATELLITE
CHANNELS BETWEEN MONROVIA AND NEW YORK AND ANOTHER TWELVE WITH

ROME.

3. NEW YORK CHANNELS ARE: THREE OUTGOING SEMI-AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE
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CHANNELS TO NEW YORK; VIVE SIMILAR INCOMING FROM NEW YORK; ONE
TELEGRAPH AND TELEX CHANNEL, AND THREE SPARES.

4. ROME CHANNELS ARE: FIVE OUTGOING SEMI-AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE
CHANNELS TO ROME; THREE SIMILAR INCOMING FROM ROME; ONE
TELEGRAPH AND TELEX CHANNEL; ONE AVD, AND TWO MANUAL CHANNELS
THROUGH ROME TERMINATING IN PARIS.

5. ADDITIONALLY, LTC HAS CAPABILITY TO USE ONE VIDEO CHANNEL.

6. BASED ON TELEX ADVISORY MESSAGE FROM AT-AND-T TO LCT OUTLINING WHITE HOUSE PROJECTIONS OF WHCA AND PRESS NEEDS, LTC COULD ALLOCATE AVAILABLE CHANNELS AS FOLLOWS:

7. FOR NEW YORK: CONVERT THREE INCOMING TO OUTGOING AND ACTIVATE THREE SPARES FOR TOTAL NINE OUTGOING AND TWO INCOMING TELEPHONE CHANNELS. IF REQUESTED AS PROJECTED IN AT-AND-T MESSAGE, TWO CHANNELS COULD BE RESERVED FOR WHCA; THREE FOR ABC, NBC AND CBS TELEVISION; ONE FOR THEIR JOINT COORDINATION; WITH REMAINING THREE TELEPHONE CHANNELS TO BE USED AS TELEPHONE VOICE CIRCUITS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM PRESS CENTER. PRESUME NETWORKS WOULD USE LINES THEY RESERVE ABOVE FOR RADIO AS WELL AS TELEVISION VOICING; WHEN THEY ARE NOT LEASED BY THEM THESE LINES WILL REVERT TO COMMON USAGE.

8. FOR ROME: ALLOCATE CURRENT TWO CHANNELS TERMINATING IN PARIS TO AP AND UPI FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION TO NEW YORK VIA ROME; ALLOCATE FIVE CHANNELS FOR INTERNATIONAL VOICE CIRCUITS FROM PRESS CENTER. (AP'S PARIS PHOTOGRAPHIC CHIEF MICHAEL NASH VISITED MONROVIA LAST FEW DAYS AND REQUESTED LEASED LINE FOR AP. UPI HAS WRITTEN MINISTRY INFORMATION REQUESTING INFORMATION ON PHOTOGRAPHIC CIRCUIT.)

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9. FOR TELEX SERVICE LTC WILL HAVE FIVE TELEX MACHINES AND OPERATORS AT PRESS CENTER FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, PLUS FOUR OTHERS FOR CUTTING TAPE.

10. FOR VIDEO TRANSMISSION: LTC HAS CIRCUIT AVAILABILITY BUT NOT RPT NOT TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE AMERICAN TV NETWORKS UNDER PROJECTED POOL ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR USE. IF OTHER TV COMPANIES DESIRE TRANSMIT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AMERICAN POOL FOR TRANSMISSION. THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO CAPABILITY TO TRANSMIT VIDEO FROM AIRPORT, THEREFORE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE TO TRANSPORT VTR RECORDING FROM AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN MONROVIA SATELLITE STATION, A FORTY-FIVE MINUTE RIDE FROM AIRPORT. SINCE VIDEO CIRCUIT MUST BE RESERVED BY LTC THROUGH INTELSAT, POTENTIAL USERS SHOULD MAKE REQUESTS TO LCT SOONEST.

11. FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION: TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE HERE AND MUST BE SUPPLIED BY USERS.
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